

THE SEWER BOARD OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA HELD A MEETING IN THE 3RD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING, NEW ALBANY, INDIANA ON TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2006 AT 3:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Vice Chairman Bill Utz, Mark Seabrook, Todd Solomon and Larry Kochert.

OTHERS: Attorney Greg Fifer, Rob Sartell and Brian Dixon, EMC, Kelly Welsh, Tina Haley, and City Clerk Marcey Wisman.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Utz called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mr. Seabrook moved to approve the minutes of March 21, 2006, Mr. Solomon second, all voted in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC:

Tim Deatrick, gave a statement to the board thanking them for correcting the 20 year problems with the sewer utility, stewardship for the Rule 13 mandate and the decision to have a separate stormwater board.

Susan Johnson asked if during the rain events in March if they had to use the third oxidation ditch.

Rob Sartell stated that they only use it when they reach 40 mgd's at the plant.

Mrs. Johnson asked if the bar screen worked during these past rain events.

Mr. Sartell stated that it did partially fail during one rain event on March 11, but during the rain on Sunday they were able to stay ahead of it.

Mr. Johnson stated that on Sunday she witnessed as over-flow at the manhole close to her home. She said there was water coming out of the holes in the top of the lid and when she called to the sewer plant she got a recording that they were busy.

Mr. Sartell told her that when the creek comes up over the manhole there is air pushed up out of the manhole and it appears to be water coming out of the holes.

Mrs. Johnson presented pictures to the board.

Mr. Sartell stated they can fix that by raising the manhole.

Mrs. Johnson asked if there is anything new on the EPA credits.

Mr. Utz stated that he has not heard anything new.

Jason Meyer, 508 Springhill Drive, addressed the board because he has discovered that there is not a septic system for his home and he wanted to verify that there were no plans to extend sewer lines further in Silver Hills.

Mr. Dixon explained that his house could not be serviced by that lift station due to the slope, but he explained that it has been recommended that those homes install a grinder pump. He suggested that he contact an engineer. He stated that he will stay in contact with Mr. Meyer.

Randy Bulleitt, E. Elm Street, he complimented Kelly for her helpfulness. He explained that he has reseeded his yard and has been doing a lot of watering and he would like to have his bill adjusted for that watering prior to the summer watering period.

Mr. Kochert said that he doesn't believe that they can approve this. He explained that they passed an ordinance last year that stated if you do not have a separate meter for pools or irrigation you do not get an adjustment.

Mr. Utz explained that the board understood his situation but they could not deviate from the ordinance.

Mr. Utz asked Mr. Fifer if he has heard anything from the EPA.

Mr. Fifer explained that he had just gotten in from his vacation last night and before he left he had received from the EPA technical questions regarding the size of screens to be used to protect those pumps. He is going to try to follow up on this and get back with the board. He stated that he would like to have Tina present the Sewer Credit list that has been up-dated so they can see what will be need to be approved.

Mrs. Haley presented the list and explained that she has called the developers and asked who would be willing to start with 5000 credits and there are some developments that want all of their credits at once.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the credit request list.

Mr. Utz asked Mr. Hines what would happen if he could not get all of his credits right away but received more in July or August.

Mr. Hines stated that he understands the problem but he would go through 20 in about 12 months. He further stated that even though the board believes they will get more credits in 6 months he knows how the waiting has gone with the EPA.

Mr. Utz stated that it looks as if they need to

Scott Thomas developer for Glenwood Springs stated that he has 7 of the 9 homes sold and he needs 20000 credits. He could work around that but he cannot go down to 5000.

Chuck Malone, Dairy Queen, stated that they have had their permits since last June and if they do not build soon they will have to re-apply.

The Board discussed whether or not they should set a separate meeting for the developers to plead their case for the number of credits and work something out the developments that they felt could be adjusted down to allow enough credits for the developments that are in a rush.

Mr. Fifer asked Mrs. Haley to contact the developers that may be able to cut down on their credits to get this to fit into the 150,000 credits they will be receiving from the EPA.

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS

Mr. Seabrook discussed the council meeting and their questions as to when the other departments are going to be coming out of the sewer utility. He would like Mr. Fifer to contact Mark McCormick and ask him to include a separate column to show what amounts are reimbursable to the utility so that there is a solid number when the time comes for those departments to pay the utility back.

Mr. Solomon stated that he has requested that in the past.

Mr. Seabrook made a motion to make that request, Mr. Kochert second, all voted in favor.

SEWER ADJUSTMENTS:

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OLD BUSINESS:

Item #1 - Laura Arnold, Country Club, re: adjustment request.

Mr. Dixon stated that he has talked with Ms. Arnold and she has records to show what the water is used for and she would like to bring those to the board. She will need to be put back to the agenda. He also informed her that she will need a separate meter for the pool.

Item #2 - Kelly Welsh re: Janus Partners sewer adjustment

Mrs. Welsh recalculated this adjustment for the total of \$17,674.02 for a two year period with an average monthly bill of \$49.50.

Mr. Fifer recommended that the board contact them and offer them a \$10,000 credit for their bill and if they agree he will prepare the documents for that agreement.

Mr. Seabrook moved to approve the \$10,000 credit, Mr. Kochert second, all voted in favor.

Mrs. Welsh stated that if they do not agree with this she will ask them to appear before the board.

Mr. Seabrook asked if they sell the building if the credit will go with the building.

Mr. Fifer stated that he believes that this is a credit that stays with the building.

Item #3 - Chad McCormick re: Rule 13

Mr. McCormick passed out information regarding wrapping up of fee calculations. Said document is on file with the City Clerk's office. He stated that they are a couple weeks ahead of the schedule for the billing.

Mr. Seabrook explained that at last night's council meeting there were members that discussed dissolving the sewer board and that the council would take over the sewer board and the stormwater board. They also believe that there is a rate increase amount that is being held back from them that everyone knows is not true. He feels that there is TIF money and money from the jail bonds that could be used to defray the cost that may be passed onto the customers. He believes that the Mayor needs to start working on a plan to take to the council prior to asking them to pass something.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the steps the Mayor is looking into to solve this problem and that the steps needed to be taken to start having meetings with the council at the end of May. It was also discussed how important it is to educate the council as to issues at hand or there will not be a rate increase no matter how important it is to the payment of the bonds.

There was a lengthy discussion with Mrs. Johnson regarding the up-grade of the sewer system, the requirements of the EPA, and the amounts spent during the England Administration compared to what has been spent on the up-grades to the plant.

Tim Deatruck stated that during the 90's when he worked for the Wastewater Department during a 1" rain he would be out for hours checking on numerous over-flows now there are only 2 over-flows during a 2" rain. He reiterated that this sewer board is doing the best job that has ever been done.

Mr. Solomon explained that regardless of what type of pipe you put in the ground within five years it is going to leak and a sewer system is something that needs to be maintained all the time.

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NEW BUSINESS:

EMC REPORT:

Mr. Sartell reported that he has talked to Sally, secretary for flood control, and she wanted to know how much longer EMC would need to use their building and he told her they would be there until September. She told him that Flood Control would like to be paid the full amount of \$6,270.00 for the rent through September. He explained that they are using that space for storage and that at this time there is really no other place for this equipment to be stored.

There was a lengthy discussion as to the need for a storage building for the Wastewater equipment and supplies.

Mr. Solomon motioned to approve the rent in the amount of \$6,270.00, Mr. Kochert second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Sartell reported that they have installed the flow meter close to the Robert E. Lee Lift Station and they have two months of readings on those meters.

CLAIMS:

Mr. Dixon reported the following claims:

City of New Albany WWTP RAW Wastewater Pump Station Screening

MAC Construction	Original Contract	\$724,900
	Pay request #1	(\$121,158.90)
	Pay request #2	(\$61,245.00)
	Change Order request #1	\$1,304.43
Melhiser Endres Tucker CPA		
	Invoice No. 149782	\$1,653.00
Team Contracting		
	Invoice No. 1	\$7,478.00
	High Water Road Repair	
Donohue Engineering		
	Invoice No. 1	\$19,205.83
	Continuing Professional Services	
K&E Environmental		
	Invoice No. 349	\$1,982.00
	Monthly Rain Event Monitoring	

(Detailed invoices are on file in the City Clerk’s office.)

Mr. Utz stated that it would be helpful if this information was enclosed in the packets.

Mr. Dixon stated that he would try to do that.

Mr. Solomon had questions regarding the change order in the amount of \$1,304.43 for MAC Construction.

Mr. Dixon explained that they had take up the concrete floor and relay it after installing metal braces.

Mr. Solomon made a motion to approve all claims except the change order from MAC Construction in the amount of \$1,304.43, Mr. Kochert second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Fifer asked Mr. Sartell where there were over-flows.

Mr. Sartell reported that there were two 1” rain events last Sunday and there was one over-flow behind the Hampton Inn in the amount of 500 gallons and a second over-flow at the Cherry Valley Golf Course and Jacob Creek and at this area they are going to clean and televise because they believe there is a root problem in the eight inch line. He stated that at the Falling Run over-flow they are going to pull the lid off the siphon to make sure it is not clogged. He stated that they have not problems in this area for two years so they do not know why it is having problems now. He also reported that there was a manhole at the end of Commerce that they had received reports of the cover being broken off and when they went out to check it they found that it is actually a corrugated pipe with a lid and below that there is a manhole that was buried during the building of I-64, but the lid was open due to the lock being cut off. He also reported that during dry weather there was an over-flow on St. Joe road where someone removed the lid and casting and threw a bowling ball and large rocks into the line.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Sewer Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Utz, Vice-Chairman

Marcey Wisman, City Clerk